



94TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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SB2864

Introduced 1/20/2006, by Sen. Susan Garrett

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

110 ILCS 205/9.31 new

Amends the Board of Higher Education Act. Provides that the Board of Higher Education shall implement and administer a grant program, to be referred to as the Collaborative Baccalaureate Degree Development Grant Program, to help deliver upper division courses and bachelor's degree programs offered by bachelor's degree-granting colleges and universities at a location geographically convenient to student populations currently being served by existing public community colleges. Provides that a grant application must be jointly submitted by one public community college and one or more public or private, not-for-profit, 4-year colleges or universities. Provides that the Board shall require that each partnering institution (both the community college and the 4-year institution or institutions) must also invest in the partnership.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

1 AN ACT concerning education.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Board of Higher Education Act is amended by
5 adding Section 9.31 as follows:

6 (110 ILCS 205/9.31 new)

7 Sec. 9.31. Collaborative Baccalaureate Degree Development
8 Grant Program.

9 (a) The Board shall implement and administer a grant
10 program, to be referred to as the Collaborative Baccalaureate
11 Degree Development Grant Program, to help deliver upper
12 division courses and bachelor's degree programs offered by
13 bachelor's degree-granting colleges and universities at a
14 location geographically convenient to student populations
15 currently being served by existing public community colleges.
16 The Board shall adopt rules regarding eligibility criteria and
17 a process for the annual application and awarding of grants.
18 The grant application and award process shall be as efficient
19 as possible to encourage collaborative applications and shall
20 include consideration of existing programs and facilities.

21 (b) A grant application must be jointly submitted by one
22 public community college and one or more public or private,
23 not-for-profit, 4-year colleges or universities.

24 (c) Grants may be used for any combination of the
25 following:

26 (1) Instructional space on or near a community college.

27 (2) Required training and advanced education of
28 faculty for the new programs.

29 (3) Instructional technology tools.

30 (4) Marketing and promotion for joint efforts.

31 (5) Other purposes related to the collaboration
32 efforts, as allowed by the Board's program rules.

1 (d) In order to better ensure the commitment of the
2 partnering institutions, the Board shall require that each
3 partnering institution (both the community college and the
4 4-year institution or institutions) must also invest in the
5 partnership. Each grant application must include how the
6 State's grant will be matched by dollars from the partner
7 institutions. The combined investment of the partner
8 institutions must equal no less than 50% of the amount of the
9 grant.

10 (e) The Board shall adopt any rules that are necessary for
11 the implementation of this Section.